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**"If One Has No Sense Of Humor, One Is In Trouble."**  
----Betty White

## 2021-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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## ANA Executive Director Sparks Local Hobby In Northern California

During the first weekend of December 2021, Kimberly S. Kiick, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Executive Director, enjoyed a full festive three days with the 'grass-roots' of our organized numismatics in northern California.

Initially invited to be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society's Joint Christmas Party, held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, in Vallejo, California, her visit expanded to include an all-day wine tour and tasting in the famous Napa Valley, time at PENPEX, a regional stamp show sponsored by the Sequoia (Redwood City, California) Stamp Club, and the Holiday Dinner of the Diablo (Concord/Walnut Creek, California) Numismatic Society.

Each happening allowed 'Kim' to meet and to mingle with fellow hobbyists, including stamp hobbyists, where she added to her awareness of philately. At the aforementioned Joint Christmas Party, she met and conversed with the Presidents, as well as members, of these local coin clubs: Cupertino, Delta, Diablo, Liberty, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Sacramento Valley, as well as the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), as well as the sponsoring Fairfield and Vallejo groups.

While her time and travel were enjoyed, two positives were enhanced from her packed three days: the essentiality of local coin clubs *and* women in numismatics.

'Kim' verified that local coin clubs are 'the grass-roots' of our numismatics. Without these hundreds diverse groups around our nation and into Canada, the 'world of money' hobby would cease or be severely curtailed. 'Kim' repeatedly, when addressing groups during her visit, encouraged, commended, and stated strongly the imperative need for organized numismatics conveniently local to all hobbyists and the general public.

She met and united with three women, all heavily involved and committed to organized numismatics. 'Kim' bounded with Suzanne Trigonis of the Cupertino Coin Club, exchanging insights about youth numismatics, Maria E. Stillwagon, of the Vallejo/Fairfield groups, also sharing ideas, and Kristin Patterson, PENPEX Coordinator and dedicated Sequoia Stamp Club booster, building bridges connecting the world's two greatest people hobbies. She listened, learned, and inquired with all three, with the emphasis that women should advance in organized numismatics, adding their initiatives.

In addition, 'Kim' was particularly impressed with local efforts in 'youth numismatics'. Also, as time and budget allow, she would add travelling and visiting local organized numismatics around our country, including into Canada.

'Kim' stated she "had a fantastic time" and learned much.

Coordinated by Michael S. Turrini, current California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President and 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan, current President of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), 'Kim's' visit was well-received by many, which also igniting networking.

Appreciation is expressed to 'Kim' for her time, enthusiasm, and openness to share our 'world of money hobby', as well as 'the world of stamps, at 'the grass-roots'.



## MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Recently, going through some rubbish and accumulations that once were part of the now inactive California Exonumist Society (CES), buried at the bottom of the dusty cardboard box with yellowing newsletters was a pristine 1976 Coin Club Roster then published by NUMISMATIC NEWS.

On pages 12 thru 17 were listed California local coin clubs: a whopping one hundred seven two (172) local coin clubs, covering most all of The Golden State.

One Hundred Seventy-Two (172)

The adding coin club membership of our Association and our compatriots, the statewide California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), would, deducting for duplication, *might* total fifty (50) or less local coin clubs or so nowadays.

Fifty (50) or Less

Where or what has happened to over one hundred plus (100+) local California coin clubs? Some, as the Pajaro Valley or the Hayward Area or the San Francisco, once held strongly attended local coin club shows, and others had attendance over fifty or more per meeting. For example, when I joined the now long defunct Napa Valley Coin Club, there were over a hundred crowding the American Legion main hall in downtown Napa, California plus, at least, ten dealers ready to sell or to buy.

So, What Has Happened?

My opinions have been expressed in prior NCNA HEADS AND TALES, over the past four decades. These opinions are also well-known and shared by other coin hobby stalwarts.

Aging population, fears of security, lousy traffic, the greed from the United States Mint, precious metal prices domination, lack of encouragement from national and statewide organizations, changes in California demographic population, and whatever else can be blamed.

For me, with soon fifty years of commitment at all numismatic levels, the main influence is that our hobbyists simply chose 'not to step to the plate' and 'roll up sleeves', thus 'give'.

But, enough can be written or expressed. The point in this Mintmaster's Quill is that local coin clubs, here in our Golden State, around our nation, and into our northern neighbor, Canada, are the 'grass roots', the 'real roots', of our hobby, where many make their first ventures into our grand 'world of money hobby'. *If the 'roots' are thin or weak or sick, can the plant survive and sustain?*

A plant, any living body, is only as good and solid as its roots. It is clear 'roots', meaning local coin clubs here in California, have declined.

The eventual consequences of this decline are left for the reader's thought.



2022 Dues

Our President 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan has directed that 2022 be a 'Dues Free Year'. Again, this is a consequence of the Pandemic, making any activities and events not possible. Any Individual Member or Club Member that had dues through 2020 (2021 also being credited) shall enjoy a 'Dues Free Year' for 2022.

January 2022 NCNA HEADS AND TALES

Due to several disruptive factors, this January 2022 NCNA HEADS AND TALES was delayed. Apology is expressed. The May 2022 Issue should be 'on-time'.

2022 Joint Forum

**California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and  
Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC EDUCATIONAL  
JOINT FORUM**

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**  
**Theme: 'Visiting History Via Coins'**

As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the presenters, although two potential are ready, have yet to be determined as well as their respective topics. This year, it is hoped to have four (4); collectively covering several diverse and interesting topics, *enhancing any coin hobbyist's numismatic enjoyment and education.*

The venue is still at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum in downtown Vallejo, California. This remains a 'Joint Forum' with our Association and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).

There would be Door Prizes, Goodie Bags, a possible Museum fund-raising drawing, on site simple lunch service, plus an enticement for local coin club members to attend and to stay the full event.

Needless to say, with the May 2022 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, the invited presenters and their topics and further updates would be announced.

**If Continued PANDEMIC: Be Aware. Having proof of vaccination and wearing a mask most likely shall be mandated. Social distancing in seating would be asked, too. Extra masks and hand sanitizer would be available.**



### Coin Club Enticement

Each attendee who registers and remains until the closure may 'drop into a special drawing' names for two (2) northern California local coin clubs for a chance to win minor Mexican gold coins and/or Silver Eagles. This is a FREE drawing, and it is encouraging attendance by local coin club members.

An attendee can designate two (2) local coin clubs.

Again, this special drawing shall be at the end, and one must remain to the closure; leaving early would eliminate any chance.

### Joint Forum Contributors

This year's Joint Forum has been blessed with active, and avid, participation by a few dedicated northern California coin hobby stalwarts: **'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan**, our Association's President and California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Treasurer, **Donald L. Hill**, our Association's and Vallejo Numismatic Society's Secretary, **Robert E. Luna**, Past President of the Diablo (Concord/Walnut Creek, California) Numismatic Society, **Maria E. Stillwagon**, Treasurer of the aforementioned Diablo Numismatic Society, and **Fred G. van den Haak**, our Association's Second Vice-President. Each is working, as a team, toward a successful Joint Forum. For example, **'Bob' Luna** has recruited two potential presenters and submitted efforts toward expanded promotion. He is also preparing a provocative 'did you know that' presentation. A 'coin photography program', with demonstration, is possible, too.

Continuing, among their creative input and ideas are enhanced Door Prize Drawings and *in gratis* 'Goodie Bags', one each to each attendee.

### Joint Event

As has been announced, this Forum is planned as a joint partnership with the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), while the primary financial support was from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). The CSNA Board of Directors voted and endorsed supporting this 'Joint Event'. CSNA, also, funded and directed its 'southern symposium', intended for tentatively June 2022.

### 2021 Joint Forum Benefactors and Patrons

Applying donations received in 2020 and 2021, the following are recognized for their generosity, which funded a most well-received 2021 event:

### BENEFACTORS

**Alexander B. 'Xan' Chamberlain**

**Maria E. Stillwagon**

**Michael S. Turrini**

**Fred G. van den Haak**

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### 2022 Patrons.

Needless to say, additional Patrons are welcomed, as follows:

<b>GOLD MINER</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'</b>
<b>PROSPECTOR</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar</b>

Remittance mailed to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Make remittance payable to the 'Northern California Numismatic Association' or 'NCNA'. Include your name and responding contact.

### 2020 and 2021 Miller Medals

Our Association's most esteemed honor did have recipients in 2020 and 2021. An updated roster of 'Miller Medal' honorees is included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue.



### Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410, Attention 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan'** or [lchanfizz@aol.com](mailto:lchanfizz@aol.com).

Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for *'Donnell Awards'*, these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, with a ***nominal donation*** of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling.

### Coin Show Schedule

No Coin Show Schedule has been published, for the obvious reason. Timely submission is imperative. Also, submissions must be direct to **Fred G. van den Haak**, Coin Show Schedule Coordinator, not Your Editor. He can be emailed at [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com). Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, *in gratis*.

### 'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's

Our Association, with the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, has developed and seeks to implement regularly this 'youth numismatic encouragement'. The success depends on NCNA Club Members promoting this to their respective youth members.

The **'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's'** has two intentions: *one*, to reward academic excellence, and *two*, entice youth into our 'world of money' with the simple premise: 'how many youngsters, or even adults, have seen and held an 'Ike Dollar' or Kennedy Half Dollar'.

Local northern California coin clubs, ***who are NCNA Club Members***, are invited to contact our Association and make arrangements to have this **'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's'** at their respected coin show or at a meeting. Promotion is the responsibility of the local coin club.

### 'Youth Numismatic Support'

The Fairfield Coin Club, our Northern California Numismatic Association, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society, has joined and coordinate an endeavor to encourage and to entice 'youth numismatics'. This endeavor is in the same mode and vane as the aforementioned **'IKE's For A's and JFK's For B's'**.

This parcel would include a generous supply of minor foreign coins, used foreign and United States stamps, cheap magnifiers, information from the United States Mint, 'cent blanks', and whatever else. All intended for dissemination among youth. This could be done at a local coin club meeting or at a sponsored local coin club show.

As a courtesy, a parcel was donated and mailed to a local coin club distant from the San Francisco Bay Area. Presently, this offer is limited to the aforementioned Club Members. With the hoped returned of local coin club shows, Your Editor might resume staffing his famous 'combination table', promoting both youth and the hobby. Contact and inquiries via [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com) or write to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California'**.



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 'Ron Miller Memorial Award', 'The Miller Medal'

YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS *	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', American Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULLWIDER *	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG *	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	<i>None Presented</i>			
2001	DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARRIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	<i>None Presented</i>			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13-Jan-07	San Jose, California by <i>Edward Sins</i>	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS *	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD *	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS *	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2011	<i>None Presented</i>			
2012	<i>None Presented</i>			
2013	<i>None Presented</i>			
2014	MERLE V. AVILA	13-Dec-14	FCC/VNS 28th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2015	JEFFREY L. JEFF SHEVLIN	12-Dec-15	FCC/VNS 29th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2016	RAYMOND R. JOHNSON	10-Dec-16	FCC/VNS 30th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
2017	SALLY A. JOHNSON	13-Dec-17	SJCC Meeting, December 13, 2017 by 'Fred' Davis	'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan
2018	<i>None Presented</i>			
2019	HERBERT MILES	7-Dec-19	FCC/VNS 33rd Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan
2020	DONALD L. HILL	4-Dec-21	FCC/VNS 35th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan
2021	ALEXANDER B. CHAMBERLAIN	4-Dec-21	FCC/VNS 35th Joint Christmas Party, Vallejo	'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan

*Note:* 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.

**Instituted January 24, 1994**

**Deceased \***